

ABSTRACT

A liquid crystal display of OCB mode or VA mode comprises a backlight unit, a backlight-side polarizing plate, a liquid crystal cell of OCB mode or VA mode, and a viewer-side polarizing plate in order. The viewer-side polarizing plate comprises a first transparent protective film, a polarizing membrane, a second transparent protective film and a light-diffusing layer in order. In the liquid crystal display of OCB mode, an optically anisotropic layer is formed from liquid crystal compound on the first transparent protective film. The first transparent protective film is a cellulose acetate film having a  $R_e$  retardation value of 20 to 70 nm and a  $R_{th}$  retardation value of 100 to 500 nm. The light-diffusing layer comprises transparent resin and transparent fine particles dispersed therein. The transparent resin and the transparent fine particles have refractive indices that are different from each other.